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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2005 ("Office Action") and further to the telephonic interviews conducted with Examiner Borin on August 15, 2005 and November 7, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following Remarks and the Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 filed concurrently herewith, which place the application in clear condition for allowance.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS, which are reflected in the Listing of Claims,** begins on page 2.

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